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SUBJECT: MPLA ARMS AT POINTE NOIRE; SOVIET AND CHINESE VESSELS

1. THE MASTER AND FIRST OFFICER OF A SHIP THAT WAS IN POINTE NOIRE ON AUGUST 19 AND 20 PASSED ON TO ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

A) A PRC VESSEL NAMED "DAPU" WAS IN THE PORT AND HAD ON DECK TWO "GUNBOATS" OF ABOUT THIRTY METERS EACH. THERE WAS NO INDICATION FOR WHOM THEY ARE INTENDED.

B) A SOVIET VESSEL WAS IN THE HARBOR AND THE MASTER WAS TOLD IT CONTAINED ARMS. DESTINATION NOT SPECIFIED.

C) THE DECK AT POINTE NOIRE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CRATES CONSIGNED TO THE MPLA. SOME OF THE CRATES WERE ODD SHAPED. THERE WERE NO VEHICLES IN THE AREA SET ASIDE FOR THE MPLA SHIPMENTS.

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D) A SMALL COASTWISE VESSEL CALLED THE "CABINDA" WAS AT THE DECK

LOADING CRATES CONSIGNED TO MPLA. THE VESSEL IS MORE OF A BARGE
THAN A PROIER SHIP.

2. WHILE I WAS OUT IN THE HARBOR ON AUGUST 21 I LOOKED FOR THE
"MAIOMBE" THE CONVERTED LCI THAT HAD BEEN FERRYING ARMS FROM
POINE NOIRE TO ANGOLA FOR THE MPLA UNTIL IT WAS APPREHENDED
A FEW WEEKS AGO BY THE PORTUGUESE NAVY WITH 300 TONS ABOARD.
THE VESSEL, WHICH HAS BEEN RENAMED THE "CINCO DE FEVREIRE"
WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN AND I LEARNED LATER THAT,
ALTHOUGH THE ARMS REMAIN IN PORTUGUESE CUSTODY, THE SHIP IS
BACK IN SERVICE.
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